

House Resolution No. 1052

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge special events experienced by Show-Me State residents who have been blessed by exceptionally long and productive lives; and

Whereas, born on February 5, 1917, into the family of Pearl and Earl Waid, Bessie Oldham recently celebrated her Ninetieth Birthday with a gathering of family members and friends on February 4, 2007; and

Whereas, after an enjoyable childhood filled with all types of educational and rewarding activities, Bessie Oldham established a family of her own through her joyful marriage to Harold Oldham who loved and cherished her with all of his heart; and

Whereas, the marital union of Bessie and Harold Oldham has been blessed with two wonderful children, Gary Oldham and the late Lloyd Oldham, and two wonderful grandchildren; and

Whereas, a vibrant part of the twenty-first century, Bessie Oldham enjoys a life which encompassed most of the twentieth century with its first flights by heavier-than-air craft, worldwide turmoil associated with World War I and World War II, rise of the automobile as America's preferred mode of travel, demise of the Soviet Union as the Cold War drew to a close, and shift from a primarily agricultural economy to one dependent upon industry and then upon the service and information sectors; and

Whereas, Bessie Oldham is a former secretary who enjoys keeping photo albums and scrapbooks, golfing, and bowling and who joined the United States Golf Association and the World Bowling Association; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses to commemorate momentous events in the lives of such stellar citizens as Bessie Oldham:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the joyous arrival of the Ninetieth Birthday of Bessie Oldham and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon attaining such a rare milestone in life and our best wishes for many more celebratory events in the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Bessie Oldham of Aurora, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Don Ruzicka
District No. 132

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1052, adopted March 7, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker